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Help available for veterans filing for economic stimulus payment; deadline for filing is October 15

RICHMOND— Veterans who have not filed for their economic stimulus payment have until October 15 to file for the payment. On October 9, they can receive help with completing and submitting their 2007 tax return at Department of Veterans Services offices in Alexandria, Charlottesville, Hampton, Lynchburg, and Staunton. A 2007 tax return is required in order to receive the stimulus payment.

"An IRS representative will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at each of these offices to help veterans and their family members file for the economic stimulus payment," explained Vince Burgess, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Veterans Services. "We are proud to partner with the IRS to ensure that Virginia's veterans receive this payment."

Congress passed and President Bush signed the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 earlier this year. The Act provided for economic stimulus payments of up to \$600 to eligible individuals (\$1,200 for married couples). There also is a \$300 payment for each qualifying child.

To receive the stimulus payment, you must file a tax return. However, even if you were not required to file a 2007 tax return, you are still eligible for a payment if you have at least \$3,000 in qualifying income. Qualifying income includes earned income, social security benefits, certain veterans benefits, and nontaxable combat pay.

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On October 9, an IRS representative will be available to help veterans fill out and file their returns at the following Department of Veterans Services locations. This will ensure that their tax returns are filed by the October 15 deadline.

Alexandria

5520 Cherokee Avenue, Suite 100 Alexandria, VA 22312 (703) 813-1374, (703) 813-1379, FAX 813-1301

Charlottesville

2211 Hydraulic Road Charlottesville, VA 22901 (434) 295-2782, FAX 295-1629

Hampton

2019 Cunningham Drive, Suite 406 Hampton, VA 23666 (757) 825-7893, FAX 825-7894

Lynchburg

916 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Suite 310 Lynchburg, VA 24504 (434) 947-6727/947-2282, FAX 947-6087

Staunton

211 W. Frederick Street, Staunton, VA 24401 (540) 332-7840, FAX 332-7841

For more information about the economic stimulus payment, visit www.irs.gov or call the IRS hotline at 1-866-234-2942.

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